Setting up Universities for Women

981. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up universities in each State exclusively for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the provision made for the purpose in the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to promote women education in that Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) UGC proposes to continue to provide financial assistance for establishment of Women's Studies Centres/Cells in Universities and Colleges and construction of Women's Hostels; Award of Part-time Research Associateship for Women to enable them to take up post-doctral research, independently, or on project assignment basis, in Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering and Technology.

Assistance for Construction of School Buildings

982. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance rendered to States, particularly to Orissa, during the last two years for construction of Basic School/ Primary School/Secondary School buildings and the details of such assistance proposed to be given in the near future; and